

Congressman Herger's 1999 Congressional Questionnaire Results

Thousands of Northern Californians responded to the issues survey printed in the last edition of "Reports from Washington." I want to thank each of you who shared your views. Your input is very important in determining how I can better represent you in Congress. I have reprinted the questions and the results of this year's survey below.

1. Currently, according to the "unified" budget, the Social Security Trust Fund surplus is used in budget calculations to help balance the federal budget. Would you support legislation that would "wall-off" the Social Security Trust Fund from the budget process, thereby strengthening and protecting Social Security, while making government accounting more straightforward and honest?

Yes 94.8% No 2.2% Undecided 3.0%

2. Would you support an across the board, ten percent reduction in income taxes?

Yes 64.0% No 22.8% Undecided 13.2%

3. Do you support using taxpayer dollars to publicly-finance political campaigns, rather than the current system of private and voluntary individual contributions?

Yes 20.1% No 62.1% Undecided 17.8%

4. Would you support a boost in federal spending to strengthen the military, improve troop readiness, and increase military personnel retention?

Yes 73.0% No 19.8% Undecided 7.2%

5. Do you believe the federal government should use a statistical sampling poll to assist in the year 2000 Census, rather than the traditional head count which has previously been used?

Yes 17.0% No 65.0% Undecided 18.0%

6. Do you think taxes should be increased to comply with the Kyoto Global-warming treaty signed by President Clinton?

Yes 10.9% No 75.1% Undecided 14.0%

7. Do you believe a portion of your Social Security taxes should be used for the federal government to buy and own investments, such as stocks?

Yes 9.7% No 81.2% Undecided 9.1%

8. Do you believe a portion of your own Social Security taxes should be used to set up individually-controlled investment accounts, such as stocks?

Yes 36.3% No 48.7% Undecided 15.0%

9. Would you support more water storage facilities in Northern California, thereby improving flood control protection, increasing availability and quality of water, and potentially enhancing recreational facilities?

Yes 64.7% No 20.6% Undecided 14.7%

10. Do you believe that local individuals and groups, such as the Quincy Library Group, should have more input and control on how the federal government manages its natural resources?

Yes 65.4% No 16.9% Undecided 17.7%

11. Do you support the President's proposal to increase tobacco taxes by 55 cents per pack?

Yes 39.9% No 52.1% Undecided 8.0%

12. Do you agree with the President's current foreign policy towards Iraq?

Yes 24.8% No 53.6% Undecided 21.6%

13. The 1996 welfare reform law excluded noncitizens from receiving federal welfare benefits. Vice President Gore recently announced a plan to restore \$1.3 billion worth of benefits for certain legal immigrants. Would you support this plan?

Yes 18.8% No 68.6% Undecided 12.6%

14. On the whole, do you believe President Clinton is doing a good job?

Yes 26.7% No 63.8% Undecided 9.5%

15. On the whole, do you believe Congress is doing a good job?

Yes 22.8% No 55.9% Undecided 21.3%

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